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TO: Chief, Foreign Division M

DATE: 10 January 1950

FROM: Chief of Station, Vienna, M

Attention: []

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational

SPECIFIC: Distribution of Odum Reports

Ref: MAVA-3304; Vien-3326; MAV-W-1714

1. As indicated in Vien-3326, ODI is now receiving Odum reports through arrangement with Major Milano and []. Several batches of these reports have been analyzed by ODI which judges them to be of very good quality on the whole. We have observed that these reports are of considerable value to us with reference to control of [], in regard to Austrian Army developments, and from the point of view of keeping abreast of political developments and of new operational leads.

2. We have been receiving these reports for inspection through ODI to which the reports are then returned. May we suggest that it appears somewhat anomalous for the station to receive reports from another station by courtesy of an outside agency which has the right of prior inspection. We therefore recommend that the reports in question be forwarded by [] to this station directly, for subsequent ODI inspection, or on [] instructions by his ODI/GSFA Liaison officer. We are in agreement with your views regarding injudicious distribution of such reports to outside agencies such as [] and will avoid making mistakes in this regard. We could, however, from time to time utilize some political information as background for the formulation of our own views and for comment in response to [] queries.

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